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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, a list of references is submitted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of foreign patent document, JP07-041202, is enclosed herewith. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver of the requirement to provide copies of cited US Patents, copies of the US Patents listed are not provided.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved

to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art, should it be deemed appropriate to do so.


Further, the submission of the list of references is not to be taken as a concession that any reference represents art that is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the right to argue that any reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an examination of the claims in the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action, so no fee is believed to be due. In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required as a result of this statement, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due to Deposit Account No. 03 2270. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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